



Sylvie Ratelle
STD/HIV
Prevention Training
Center of New England

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PARTNERS IN TRAINING

Boston University
Brown University
Harvard University
University of Connecticut
University of Massachusetts
Yale University
Connecticut Department of Public Health
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
National Laboratory Training Network

2008 Schedule of Courses

The Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center of New England

The Ratelle Prevention Training Center (PTC) is a project of the Division of STD Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. We are part of the National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers, which are funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In conjunction with regional medical schools, health departments, and the National Laboratory Training Network (NLTN), the Ratelle PTC offers courses for health care providers and laboratorians in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of sexually transmitted diseases and the prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

These offerings meet a need for effective training in STD clinical services in support of disease prevention, and are the primary source of post-graduate STD continuing education for health care professionals in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

PARTNERS IN TRAINING

The Ratelle PTC offers courses taught by skilled and experienced faculty from the following institutions:

Schools of Medicine:

Boston University
Brown University
Harvard University
University of Connecticut
University of Massachusetts
Yale University

Other Partners:

Connecticut Department of Public Health
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
National Laboratory Training Network

COURSE LOCATIONS

Boston, MA:

Boston Medical Center (BMC)
Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)
Massachusetts Department of Public Health State Laboratory Institute

Hartford, CT:

City of Hartford Health Department

Providence, RI:

Miriam Hospital/Whitmarsh Clinic

COURSE PARTICIPANTS

The Clinical Courses and Online Courses are designed for both new and experienced health care professionals (physicians, infectious disease fellows nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, and nurses) in public and private practice who examine and treat individuals at risk for STDs/HIV. The Laboratory Courses are designed for health care professionals and laboratorians who perform or plan to perform laboratory testing for the diagnosis of STDs.

APPLYING FOR TRAINING

Interested parties may obtain information and registration materials by downloading course applications from <http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/stdtcmai/apply.htm>. Information may also be requested by emailing the Ratelle PTC at ptc.boston@state.ma.us or by calling (617)983-6945. The completed registration materials should then be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Ratelle PTC as soon as possible, as courses may fill well in advance of the scheduled dates.

Acceptance in to each course requires full participation in all aspects of the training, including completion of prerequisite study materials for clinical courses, completion of all post-course evaluations, and preparation of case studies if applicable.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Applicants will receive notification by phone or email upon acceptance into a course. **Until you have received notification of acceptance, you should not assume you are registered.**

****PARTICIPANTS ARE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR NEED AND CLINICAL PRACTICE SETTING****

ACCREDITATION

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Communicable Disease Control (MDPH BCDC) is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to sponsor Continuing Medical Education for physicians. The MDPH BCDC designates these educational activities on an hour-for-hour basis towards AMA PRA Category I Credit. Nursing contact hours for these programs will be provided in accordance with the Board of Registration in Nursing Regulations governing continuing education (CMR 244 5.00). Each provider should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

CLINICAL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

TARGET AUDIENCE

Healthcare professionals (physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, nurses) in public or private practice who examine and treat individuals at risk for STDs/HIV. Applicants may include clinicians who work in family planning, adolescent health, women's health, primary care, urgent care, or community health centers.

STD INTENSIVE 3-DAY

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate improved skills in sexual history-taking and patient examination
- Demonstrate improved skills in lab specimen collection and results interpretation
- Demonstrate improved skills in diagnosis and management of STDs frequently encountered in outpatient settings

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Clinical courses feature approximately 12 hours of pre-course self-study followed by 3 days of on-site training that includes case discussion, clinical skills practicum, and hands-on laboratory instruction (wet mount).

Interested in devoting 3 consecutive days to training? Register for the Boston (MGH) site.

LOCATION:

BOSTON (MGH)

February 25-27, 2008

April 14-16, 2008

May 12-14, 2008

September 22-24, 2008

November 3-5, 2008

***LIMIT: 4 PARTICIPANTS PER COURSE**

STD INTENSIVE FLEX

Can't devote three consecutive days to training? Register for the Boston (BMC), Hartford, or Providence course sites, which offer one day of didactic lecture, case discussion, and lab instruction (wet mount), followed by two days of hands-on training at a time that is convenient for you.

LOCATIONS:

BOSTON (BMC)

January 15, 2008

March 4, 2008

July 22, 2008

October 21, 2008

***LIMIT: 8 PARTICIPANTS PER COURSE**

PROVIDENCE: TBD

***LIMIT: 4 PARTICIPANTS PER COURSE**

HARTFORD DEPT. OF HEALTH

April 9, 2008

June 18, 2008

August 6, 2008

October 29, 2008

***LIMIT: 6 PARTICIPANTS PER COURSE**

ONLINE STD INTENSIVE

OBJECTIVES

- Improve sexual history and STD examination skills
- Describe how to collect lab specimens and choose appropriate lab diagnostic tests
- Use latest updates to diagnose and manage STDs commonly encountered in an outpatient setting

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Online case-based review, approximately 10 hours. Free continuing education credits available.

LOCATION

www.bu.edu/cme/std

ONLINE STD CASES

OBJECTIVES

- Describe elements included when taking a sexual history from a patient with a suspected STD
- Identify typical signs and symptoms for PID, syphilis, vaginitis, HPV, and urethritis
- Select appropriate lab testing for STD syndromes
- Discuss treatment for STD syndromes
- Discuss counseling and partner management of STD-infected patients

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Online, case-based review, approximately 6 hours. Free continuing education credits available.

LOCATION

www.STDcases.org

COMMUNITY LECTURES

OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate updated knowledge in diagnosis and management of STDs frequently encountered in outpatient settings

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

1 to 4 hours of didactic lecture.

TOPICS

Keeping it Real: Responding to the Sexual Health Needs of Adolescents

Tentative Dates: April 2008, November 2008

Dinner Lecture: STD Vaccines: Hepatitis, HPV, and Beyond

Date: May 15, 2008

Location: Dorchester House Multi-Service Center, Boston, MA

Dinner Lecture: Non-occupational STD/HIV Prophylaxis

Date: November 6, 2008

Location: Dimock Community Health Center, Boston, MA

ADVANCED STD INTENSIVE (ID FELLOWS)

TARGET AUDIENCE

This training is reserved for infectious disease fellows.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate improved skills in the differential diagnosis of STDs, including less prevalent STDs
- Describe the atypical manifestations of STDs
- Demonstrate improved skills in managing complications and sequelae of STDs, including those in pregnant women and neonates

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

This program features 13 hours of didactic lectures and case discussions, along with 5 hours of on-site clinical training which includes a hands-on laboratory (wet mount) and clinical skills practicum.

LOCATION:

BOSTON (MGH) AND STATE LABORATORY INSTITUTE, JAMAICA PLAIN, MA

December 1-4, 2008

***LIMIT: 16 PARTICIPANTS**

LABORATORY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

TARGET AUDIENCE

Clinicians and laboratorians who perform or plan to perform lab testing for the diagnosis of STDs.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Laboratory courses integrate lectures on methodology, interpretive techniques, observations and demonstrations with hands-on exercises using clinical specimens.

BRIGHTFIELD MICROSCOPY WET MOUNTS (1/2 DAY)

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the procedure for proper specimen collection and testing
- Demonstrate the proper techniques for examining and interpreting specimens

LOCATION:

STATE LABORATORY INSTITUTE, JAMAICA PLAIN, MA

February 27, 2008

April 16, 2008

May 14, 2008

July 23, 2008

September 24, 2008

***LIMIT: 8 PARTICIPANTS PER COURSE**

DIRECT SMEARS

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate proper use of a light microscope
- Describe proper preparation of direct smears of genital specimens (gram stains, Tzanck preps)
- List the key stain characteristics of gonorrhea, chancroid, non-gonococcal urethritis, mucopurulent cervicitis, and HSV
- Use the recommended technique to perform a Gram stain
- Correctly read and interpret male and female genital stained smears

LOCATION:

STATE LABORATORY INSTITUTE, JAMAICA PLAIN, MA

March 25, 2008

October 16, 2008

***LIMIT: 6 PARTICIPANTS PER COURSE**

Core Faculty

Boston University School of Medicine/ Boston Medical Center

Barbara Lambl, MD, MPH

STD Clinic Preceptors: Cresene Sanglap, RN; Faye Huang, NP; Christa Gumbs, RN

Brown University School of Medicine/ Miriam Hospital/Whitmarsh Clinic

Kenneth Mayer, MD

Michelle Lally, MD, MSc

Josiah Rich, MD, MPH

STD Clinic Preceptors: Bernadette Mansfield, NP; Doreen Donnelly, NP

Harvard Medical School/ Massachusetts General Hospital

Donna Felsenstein, MD

AnneKathryn Goodman, MD

Laura Riley, MD

GID Unit Preceptors: Julie Freedman, ANP; Karen Gacicia, RN

University of Massachusetts Medical School

Sanjay Ram, MD

Peter Rice, MD

Yale University and University of Connecticut Schools of Medicine

Dana Dunne, MD

Kathryn Rosenthal Goldman, MD

City of Hartford Health Department Clinic Preceptor: Susan DeGennaro, APRN

Connecticut Department of Public Health

Heidi Jenkins, BS

Massachusetts Department of Public Health/ Division of STD Prevention

Katherine Hsu, MD, MPH

Janine Walker Dyer, MPH

Sheila Nelson, MPH, MSW

Lida Margariti, BS, MT

National Laboratory Training Network (NLTN)

Shoolah Escott, MS, MT (ASCP)

Denise Korzeniowski, MT (ASCP)

Elizabeth Szymczak, MS, MT (ASCP)

2008 Schedule at a Glance...

| DATE | COURSE TITLE | TARGET AUDIENCE | LOCATION |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| January 15 | STD Intensive Flex | Clinicians | Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA |
| February 25-27 | STD Intensive | Clinicians | Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA |
| February 27 | Wet Mount | Clinicians and Laboratorians | State Laboratory Institute, Boston, MA |
| March 4 | STD Intensive Flex | Clinicians | Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA |
| March 25 | Direct Smears | Clinicians and Laboratorians | State Laboratory Institute, Boston, MA |
| April 9 | STD Intensive Flex | Clinicians | Hartford Department of Health, Hartford, CT |
| April 14-16 | STD Intensive | Clinicians | Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA |
| April 16 | Wet Mount | Clinicians and Laboratorians | State Laboratory Institute, Boston, MA |
| April 2008 | STDs and Adolescents | Clinicians | * Exact Date and Time TBD |
| May 12-14 | STD Intensive | Clinicians | Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA |
| May 14 | Wet Mount | Clinicians and Laboratorians | State Laboratory Institute, Boston, MA |
| May 15 | STD Vaccines | Clinicians | Dorchester House Multi-Service Center, Boston, MA |
| June 18 | STD Intensive Flex | Clinicians | Hartford Health Department, Hartford, CT |
| July 22 | STD Intensive | Clinicians | Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA |
| July 23 | Wet Mount | Clinicians and Laboratorians | State Laboratory Institute, Boston, MA |
| August 6 | STD Intensive Flex | Clinicians | Hartford Health Department, Hartford, CT |
| September 22-24 | STD Intensive | Clinicians | Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA |
| September 24 | Wet Mount | Clinicians and Laboratorians | State Laboratory Institute, Boston, MA |
| October 16 | Direct Smears | Clinicians and Laboratorians | State Laboratory Institute, Boston, MA |
| October 21 | STD Intensive Flex | Clinicians | Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA |
| October 29 | STD Intensive Flex | Clinicians | Hartford Health Department, Hartford, CT |
| November 3-5 | STD Intensive | Clinicians | Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA |
| November 6 | Non-Occupational STD/HIV Prophylaxis | Clinicians | Dimock Community Health Center, Boston, MA |
| November 2008 | STDs and Adolescents | Clinicians | * Exact Date and Time TBD |
| December 1-4 | Advanced STD Intensive | Clinicians (ID Fellows) | Mass. General Hospital/State Lab Institute, Jamaica Plain, MA |

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Additional Educational Resources

Visit the National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers (NNPTC) at www.stdhivpreventiontraining.org or the Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center of New England at www.state.ma.us/std/cdc/stdtcmai/stdtcmai.htm for educational resources including self-study modules and print materials

Ratelle PTC faculty are available to provide educational updates at your site.
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“The course really helped me to consider how to integrate STD screening and management more thoroughly into my practice with high-risk patients.”
Robert Gamble, FNP, Boston, MA

“Excellent course with one-to-one supervision. Fantastic for answering all your questions!”
James DeBay, PA-C, Richmond, VT

“Vaginal microscopy workshop was invaluable.”
Cynthia Kay, NP, Middletown, RI

“Program was intensive and focused on practical aspects of clinical practice—emphasized clinical and lab diagnosis, basics of counseling and behavioral change, all of which were valuable, worthwhile, and would be recommended by me.”
Leslie Silverstone, MD, Boston, MA